REMARKS

Claim 10 currently remains in the application, claims 1-9 having been canceled.

In said Second Office Action, the Examiner rejected independent claim 1 but found dependent claim 8 to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all inherited limitations. New independent claim 10 is herein presented as such claim, believed to include

limitations. New independent claim 10 is herein presented as such claim, believed to include all of the limitations in claims 1 and 8 and hence to be now allowable.

Such an action of earnestly solicited.

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